

Downtown Livability Initiative



Advisory Committee Meeting #6

November 20, 2013

6:30-9:30 pm



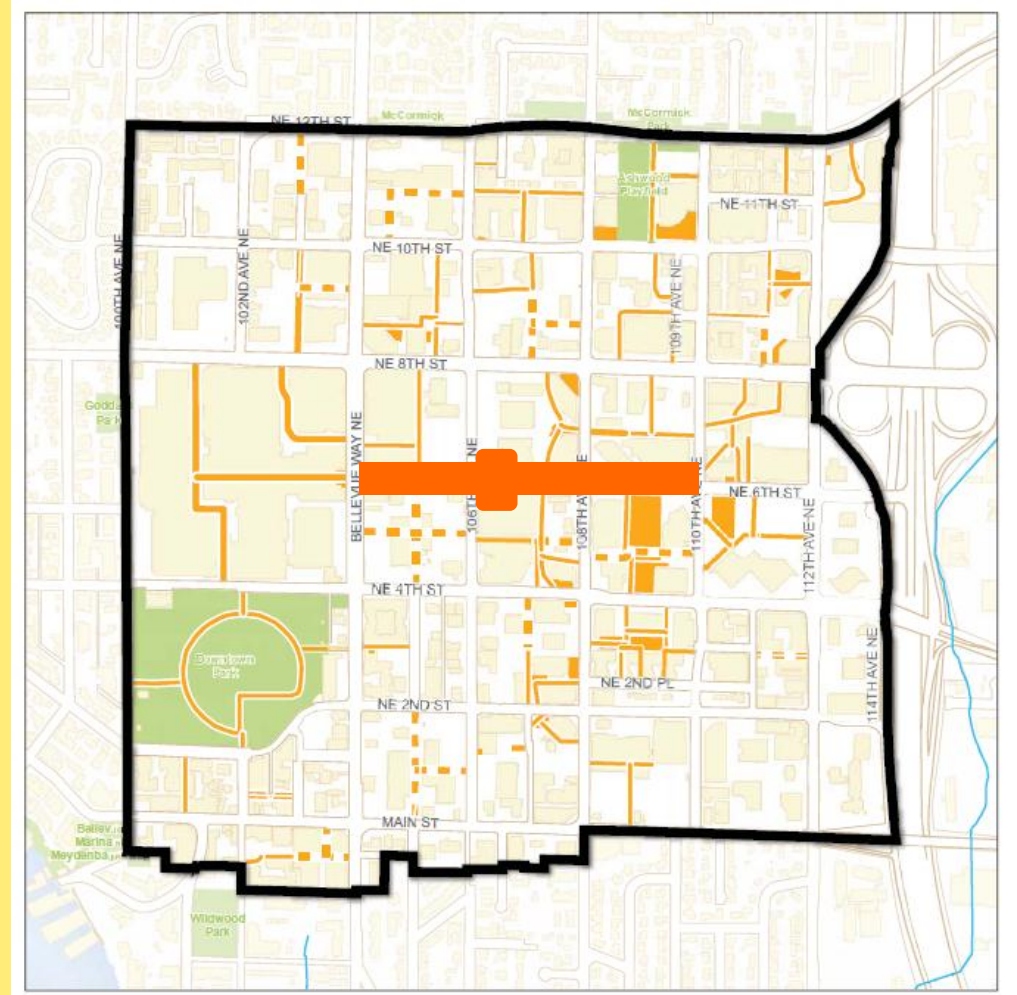
Amenity Incentive System

- Robust discussions to date by Committee and public on desired Downtown amenities
- Key points summarized in packet materials; opportunity for clarifications or additions
- Sets the background for alternatives development
- Ability to help reinforce neighborhood identity and character through incentives

Pedestrian Corridor and Public Open Spaces

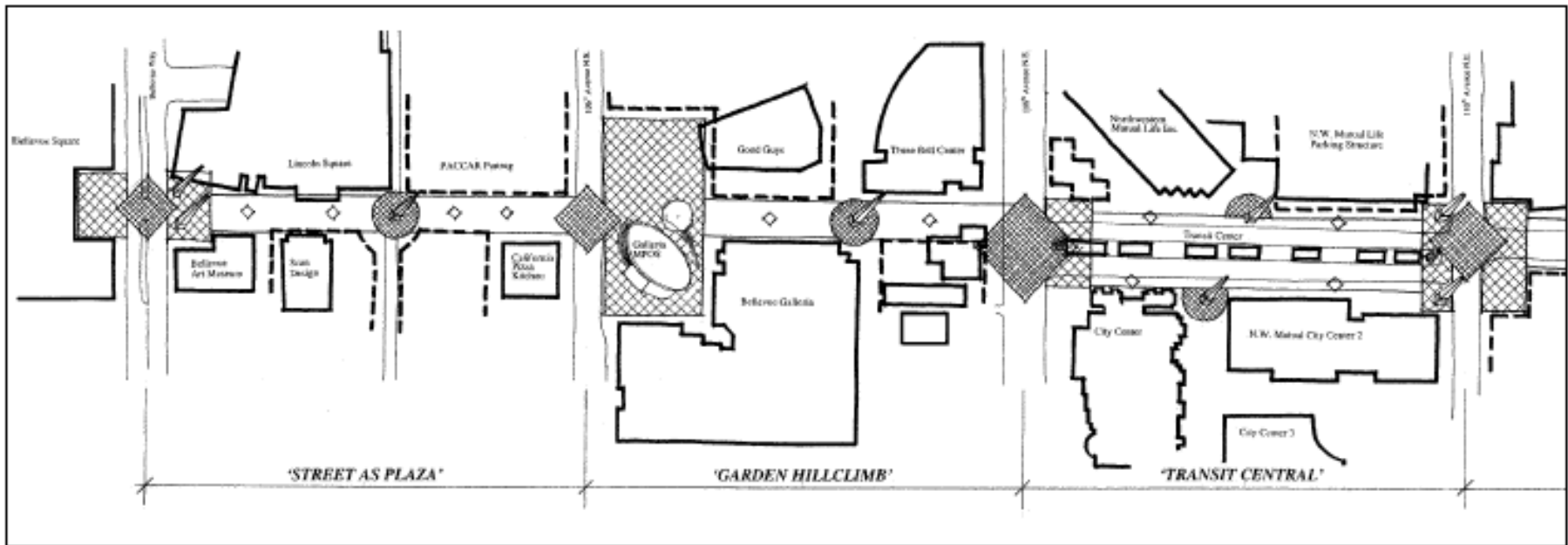
Pedestrian Corridor Big Idea

Pedestrian street spanning middle of Downtown from Bellevue Square to Civic Center district with major public open space at mid-point – *dates back to 1981*

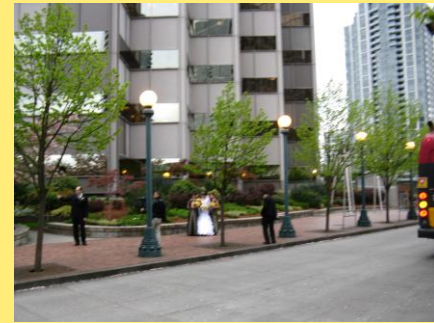
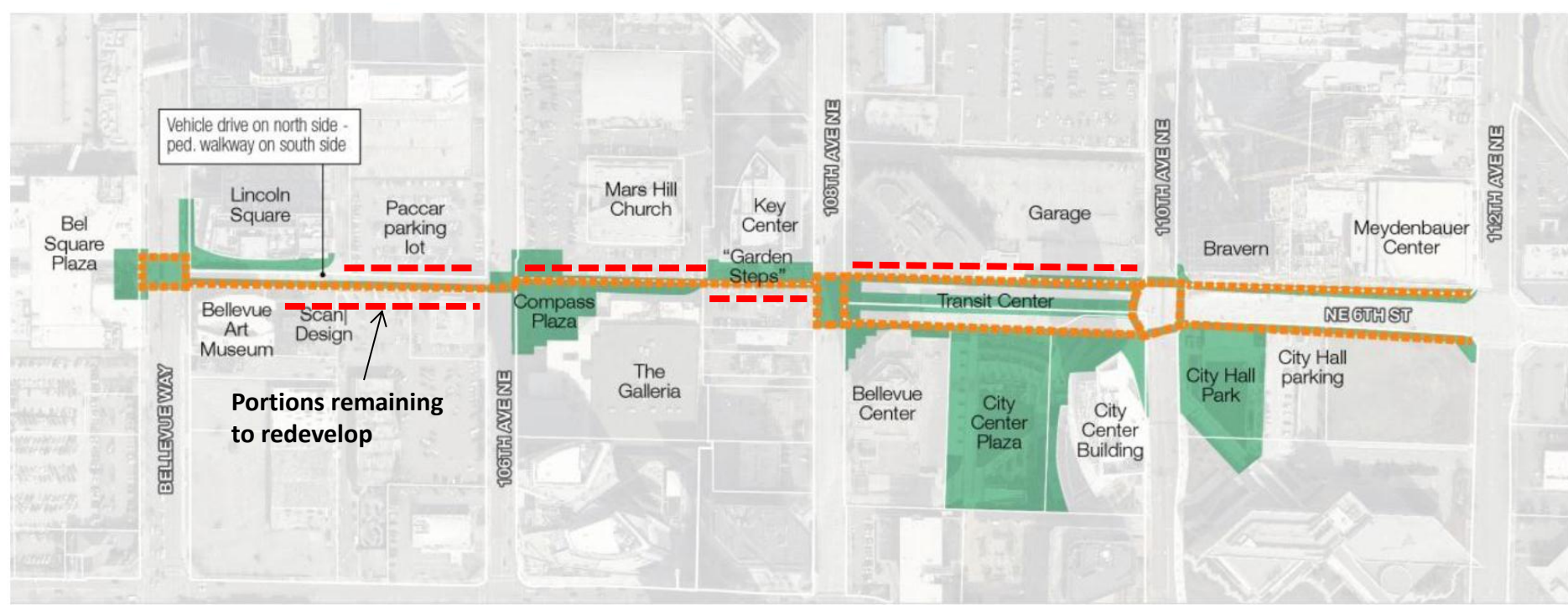


Pedestrian Corridor Design

- 60 feet average width
- “Three Rooms” – Street as Plaza, Garden Hillclimb, Transit Central
- Major and Minor Public Open Spaces
- Corridor constructed by adjacent properties; street wall and activity integral to success



Implementation to Date



Pedestrian Corridor

- Approximately 50% of the property along the Corridor has been developed per Guidelines
- This impacts how we think about:
 - Human-scale experience
 - Adjacent building design
 - Character and memorability
 - Walking/bicycle movement
 - Access and adjacent uses

Early CAC Observations

- *Pedestrian Corridor continues to be important Downtown element*
- *More needs to be done on how to activate the Pedestrian Corridor*
- *If not everyone participates in implementing the Corridor, it will never be a holistic element. Hopefully in the next round of development fills in some of the existing gaps.*
- *The incentive system should be used where it works for the developer, and public/private partnerships in other instances, to get the Pedestrian Corridor developed.*

Overarching Questions

- What are the key themes that should be explored in updating the vision for the Pedestrian Corridor? What would make the Corridor memorable? (e.g. Art Walk, outdoor dining and storefronts, green oasis)?
- What activities or experiences are important to encourage on the Pedestrian Corridor and in public open spaces?
- What physical design elements are missing or should be improved?

Public Open Spaces

Parks, recreation, and open space amenities within Downtown will function as a system that reinforces the notion of Bellevue as a “city in a park.”

-Downtown Subarea Plan



Concept for Downtown parks and open space network.

Public Open Spaces – System Elements

Four Categories of Public Open Space

- **Public Parks**
Downtown Subarea Plan, Downtown Implementation Plan
- **Major Public Open Spaces** associated with the Pedestrian Corridor
Downtown Core Design District – 20.25A.100.E.4
- **Minor Publicly Accessible Spaces**
Downtown Core Design District – 20.25A.100.E.5
- **Outdoor or Enclosed Plazas**
FAR Amenity Incentive System – 20.25A.030



Public Open Space – Parks

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The Shops At The Bravern

MAP

Direct elevator access to your parking level means you can be on I-405, I-90, or Highway 520 in minutes. Prefer mass transit? Catch a bus at the transit center across the street. Now that's convenience.

Early CAC Observations

- *As more families move Downtown, additional places to play and recreate will be needed.*
- *To attract younger and more technical talent, variety of amenities are desirable... an iconic structure and green space would certainly have appeal.*
- *Bellevue is called a “city in a park”, and it would be iconic to have a linear park in the Downtown.*
- *Outdoor plazas are key part of open space system, but need to feel like they are open to the public.*
- *Developers alone are not responsible for creating open space.*

Public Open Space Questions

- How can parks and privately-developed open spaces be best used to achieve to the desired vision?
- How do Downtown's changing demographics influence park and open space design?
- What activities or experiences are important to encourage in public open spaces?
- What physical design elements are missing or should be improved?
- What recreation elements are missing or should be improved or expanded?

Overall Process

Continuous Public Engagement



- Public Scoping (Nov 2012)
- **Land Use Code Audits (published June 2013)**
- **Identification of Range of Alternatives**
- **Analysis of Alternatives**
- **Identification of Preferred Alternatives**
- **Alternatives Refinement and Development of Final Recommendations**
- **Transmittal of Recommendation from Advisory Committee to Council**
- Review by Planning Commission
- City Council Consideration/Adoption Process

Upcoming Meetings

- **December 18: Advisory Committee**
- **January 15: Advisory Committee (Target Date for Alternatives Discussion)**
- **February 6: Tentative Date for Public Meeting**